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EPA to Host Public Web Conference on TCR

The EPA is hosting a public Web conference regarding the re-evaluation of the currently approved Total Coliform Rule (TCR) analytical methods. The conference will provide a forum for a technical dialogue to discuss potential elements of a method re-evaluation study, setting method performance acceptance criteria, and/or revising the Alternate Test Protocol (ATP). The Web conference call will be held on **November 4, 2010** from 10 am to 3 pm ET. To register for the meeting and receive call-in information and agendas, or for general inquiries, participants should contact Cesar Cordero at 202.564.3716 or cordero.cesar@epa.gov. Participants should contact Sandhya Parshionikar at 513.569.7123 or parshionikar.sandhya@epa.gov for technical information.

Read more: <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/tcr/regulation.cfm#tcr1989>

Call for Comments: Proposed Changes to Wastewater Regulations

The EPA seeks public comment on the proposed changes to analysis and sampling test procedures in wastewater regulations. Proposed changes will increase flexibility in selection of analytical methods for use in Clean Water Act programs within the regulated and laboratory community. Specific to laboratories, EPA is proposing minimum quality control requirements to improve consistency across methods; corrections to previously approved methods; and changes to the sample collection, preservation and holding time requirements. Deadline for comment submission is **November 22, 2010**.

Click <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-20018.htm> more information and submission guidelines.

WHEN EVERY DROP COUNTS Protecting Public Health During Drought Conditions A Guide for Public Health Professionals

Because no consolidated scientific evidence or guidance is currently available to help public health officials and practitioners prepare for or respond to drought at the local, state, or national level, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes the need for a comprehensive, public-health-focused document on drought. The CDC along with the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) collaborated to consolidate existing information regarding the public health effects of drought and identify future research.

Access to the entire publication: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Docs/When_Every_Drop_Counts.pdf

Events Calendar

Know Your Water System: From the Source to the Tap **November 17, 2010**

A seminar designed to help you the operators and managers better understand your system.

Where: Helena College of Technology **Registration Deadline:** November 10, 2010

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For More Information: http://www.msun.edu/grants/metc/documents/Nov_17_KYWS.pdf